



PLANNING DIVISION  
CITY OF SUNNYVALE  
P.O. BOX 3707  
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA 94088-3707

File Number: 2004-0166  
No. 05-03

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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This form is provided as a notification of an intent to adopt a Negative Declaration which has been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and Resolution #118-04.

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**Study Issue to consider modifications to the height limit within the R-3 Zoning District**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION (APN):**

This is a Study Issue filed by the City of Sunnyvale to consider modifications to the height and story limit within the R-3 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District.

**WHERE TO VIEW THIS DOCUMENT:**

The **Negative Declaration**, its supporting documentation and details relating to the project are on file and available for review and comment in the Office of the Secretary of the Planning Commission, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

This **Negative Declaration** may be protested in writing by any person prior to **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2005**. Such protest shall be filed in the Department of Community Development, 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale and shall include a written statement specifying anticipated environmental effects which may be significant. A protest of a **Negative Declaration** will be considered by the adopting authority, whose action on the protest may be appealed.

**HEARING INFORMATION:**

A public hearing on the project is scheduled for:

**Monday, February 14, 2005 at 8:00 p.m.** by the Planning Commission in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale; and on,

**Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.** by the City Council in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale.

**TOXIC SITE INFORMATION:**

(No) listed toxic sites are present at the project location.

Circulated On January 19, 2005

Signed:   
Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner



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### FINDINGS:

The Director of Community Development of the City of Sunnyvale, California, hereby determines that an environmental impact report is not required. There are sufficient environmental controls incorporated into the zoning regulations to ensure no significant detrimental effect.

The above determination is based upon the initial study conducted in this matter, information provided by the applicant in an "Application for Environmental Finding" that the use is in keeping with and not in conflict with the adopted General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

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Adopted On \_\_\_\_\_

Verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Gerri Caruso, Principal Planner



California Department of Fish and Game  
**CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION**

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**PROJECT TITLE/LOCATION (INCLUDE COUNTY):**

The Study Issue will be conducted in the City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa Clara.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This is a Study Issue filed by the City of Sunnyvale to consider modifications to the height and story limit within the R-3 (Medium Density Residential) Zoning District.

**FINDINGS OF EXEMPTION:**

1. This project is in an urban setting.
2. There is no alteration of land or effect on fish or wildlife.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the public agency has made the above finding and that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

  
Gerri Caruso

Title: Principal Planner, Community Development  
Lead Agency: City of Sunnyvale  
Date: January 20, 2005

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**INITIAL STUDY**  
City of Sunnyvale  
Department of Community Development  
Planning Division  
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Project #:	2004-0166 CSI
Project Address:	R-3 Zoned Properties
Applicant:	City of Sunnyvale

1. Project Title: Study Issue to consider modifications to the height limit within the R-3 Zoning District
2. Lead Agency Name and Address: City of Sunnyvale, Community Development Department, Planning Division
3. Contact Person and Phone Number: Ryan M. Kuchenig, Assistant Planner (408) 730-7431
4. Project Location: R-3 Zoned Properties
5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address: City of Sunnyvale  
456 W. Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94088
6. General Plan Designation: Residential Medium Density
7. Zoning: R-3 (Medium Density Residential)
8. Description of the Project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. (Attach additional sheets if necessary))

The R-3 Zone is limited to 2 stories or 30 feet. The maximum allowable density for the R-3 Zone is 24 dwelling units per acre. Frequently, R-3 developments reviewed by the City have required the addition of the PD Planning District to allow a deviation for building height. This Study Issue would analyze potential issues associated with increasing the maximum building height and allow 3 stories in the R-3 Zoning District.

This project will not result in or require any construction. No impact on the environment is expected to occur as a result of this project. Any new development projects will be subject to CEQA.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: (Briefly describe the project's surroundings) The affected area includes all areas designated for medium density residential in the R-3 zones. Surrounding sites may include residential, commercial, industrial, public facility uses, and uses in surrounding cities.
10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): N/A

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**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality            | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning             | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils          | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing            |   |

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

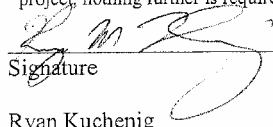
I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. X

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. ☐

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required. ☐

I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potential significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed. ☐

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required. ☐

  
Signature

1/20/05  
Date

Ryan Kuchenig

Printed Name:

For: City of Sunnyvale

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## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g. the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g. the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section 17, "Earlier Analysis," may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analysis may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c) (3) (d). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a. Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g. general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.
- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The analysis of each issue should identify: (a) the significance criteria or threshold used to evaluate each question; and (b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

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**I. AESTHETICS.** Would the project:

a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	0	0	X	0	See discussion at end of check-list
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	0	0	0	X	2,94
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	0	0	0	X	2,94, 101
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	0	0	X	0	See discussion at end of check-list

**II. AIR QUALITY:** Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	0	0	0	X	3,97, 100, 111
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.	0	0	0	X	3,97, 100, 111
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	0	0	0	X	3, 96, 97, 100, 111
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	0	0	0	X	62, 63, 111, 112
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	0	0	0	X	111, 112

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## III. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

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|----|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| a. | Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 94,<br>111,<br>112,<br>109 |
| b. | Have a substantially adverse impact on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S Wildlife Service?<br><br><i>Storm Water Runoff Guidance:</i><br>Include aquatic and wetland habitats as part of the sensitive habitat review. Also evaluate adverse changes to sensitive habitats that favor the development of mosquitoes and other biting flies that may pose a threat to public health. Aquatic and wetland habitats such as those found near Stevens Creek, Calabazas Creek, Sunnyvale East Channel, Sunnyvale West Channel, El Camino Channel, Moffett Channel, Guadalupe Slough and the Baylands are considered sensitive habitat areas. | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 94,<br>111,<br>112,<br>109 |
| c. | Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 94,<br>111,<br>112,<br>109 |
| d. | Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 94,<br>111,<br>112,<br>109 |
| e. | Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 41, 94,<br>111,<br>112        |
| f. | Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Conservation Community Plan, other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 41,<br>94,<br>111,<br>112  |



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**IV. CULTURAL RESOURCES.** Would the project:

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|----|--|---|---|---|----------|-------------------------|
| a. | Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?     | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 10, 42, 60, 61, 94, 111 |
| b. | Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resources pursuant to Section 15064.5? | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 10, 42, 94              |
| c. | Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?               | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 10, 42, 94, 111         |
| d. | Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?                                  | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 2, 11, 112              |

**V. LAND USE AND PLANNING.** Would the project:

- |    |  |   |   |   |          |                   |
|----|--|---|---|---|----------|-------------------|
| a. | Physically divide an established community?  | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 2, 11, 12, 21, 28 |
| b. | Conflict with an applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 31, 28, 111       |
| c. | Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural communities conservation plan?   | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 2, 41, 94, 111    |

**VI. MINERAL RESOURCES.** Would the project:

- |    |  |   |   |   |          |       |
|----|--|---|---|---|----------|-------|
| a. | Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?                                | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 2, 94 |
| b. | Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | θ | θ | θ | <b>X</b> | 2, 94 |

**VII. NOISE.** Would the project result in:

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| a. | Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 16,<br>26, 94,<br>111,<br>112 |
| b. | Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 16,<br>26, 94,<br>111,<br>112 |

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c.	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	0	0	0	X	2, 16, 26, 94, 111, 112
d.	A substantially temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	0	0	0	X	Dissus- sion -sion at end of check- list

VIII. POPULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project:

- |    |  |   |   |   |   |                       |
|----|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------|
| a. | Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 11,<br>111,<br>112 |
| b. | Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 11,<br>111,<br>112 |
| c. | Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 11,<br>111,<br>112 |

IX. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities, need for new or physically altered government facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- |    |        |   |   |   |   |                      |
|----|--------|---|---|---|---|----------------------|
| a. | Parks? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 18,<br>11,<br>112 |
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b.	Fire protection?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
c.	Schools?	0	0	0	X	2, 11, 112
d.	Other public facilities?	0	0	0	X	2, 111, 112
e.	Police protection?	0	0	0	X	26, 65, 66, 103, 104

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## X. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| a. | Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 10, 26, 42, 59, 60, 61, 111, 112 |
| b. | Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of the past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 1, 2, 111, 112                      |
| c. | Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 111, 112                            |

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## XI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:

- a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving:
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|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
| (i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
| (ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
| (iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
| (iv) Landslides?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
- b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?
- |  |   |   |   |   |                    |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
- c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?
- |  |   |   |   |   |                    |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
- d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-a-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?
- |  |   |   |   |   |                    |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
|--|---|---|---|---|--------------------|
- e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?
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|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | UBC, UPC, UMC, NEC |
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XII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	0	0	0	X	2, 20, 24, 25, 87-90, 111, 112
b. Require or result in construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	0	0	0	X	2, 20, 24, 25, 87-90, 111, 112
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	0	0	0	X	2, 20, 24, 25, 87-90, 111, 112
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	0	0	0	X	2, 20, 24, 25, 87-90, 111, 112
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that services or may serve the project determined that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	0	0	0	X	2, 20, 24, 25, 87-90, 111, 112
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	0	0	0	X	2, 22, 90, 111, 112
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	0	0	0	X	2, 22, 90, 111, 112

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## XIII. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

a. Cause an increase in the traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	0	0	0	X	2, 12, 71, 75, 76, 77, 111, 112
b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	0	0	0	X	2, 71, 75, 76, 77, 80, 84, 11, 112
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	0	0	0	X	2, 111, 112, 113
d. Substantially increase hazards to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g. farm equipment)?	0	0	0	X	2, 12, 71, 75, 76, 77, 80, 84, 111, 112
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?	0	0	0	X	2, 11, 112
f. Result in inadequate parking capacity?	0	0	0	X	2, 37, 111, 112
g. Conflict with adopted policies or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?	0	0	0	X	2, 12, 81, 111, 112

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**XIV. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** Would the project?

a.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
b.	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the likely release of hazardous materials into the environment?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
c.	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
d.	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
e.	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
f.	Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC
g.	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	0	0	0	X	UFC/ UBC/ SMC



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XV. RECREATION

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| a. | Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 18, 11, 112 |
| b. | Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?                       | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 2, 18, 11, 112 |

XIX. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project?

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| a. | Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency to non-agricultural use? | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 94 |
| b. | Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?   | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 94 |
| c. | Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?  | 0 | 0 | 0 | X | 94 |

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XX. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project?

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	0	0	0	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112
(i.) Is the project tributary to an already impaired water body, as listed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list? If so, will it result in an increase in any pollutant for which the water body is already impaired?	0	0	0	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112
(ii.) Will the proposed project cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses?	0	0	0	X	
<p><i>Storm Water Runoff Guidance:</i> For example, projects that could increase pollutant discharges such as mercury, copper, nickel, sediment, organophosphate pesticides, PCBs, or other listed contaminants will need to address those impacts. Beneficial uses for Sunnyvale water bodies may include Cold Freshwater Habitat (e.g., Stevens Creek), Estuarine Habitat (e.g., Guadalupe Slough, north portions of Sunnyvale East and West Channels), Groundwater Recharge (e.g., Calabazas Creek and Stevens Creek), Preservation of Rare or Endangered Species (e.g., Stevens Creek, Baylands), Warm Freshwater Habitats and Wildlife Habitat (e.g., Sunnyvale East and West Channels).</p>					
b. Substantially degrade groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	0	0	0	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112

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c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	0	0	0	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112,
<i>Storm Water Runoff Guidance:</i> Evaluation of a project's effect on drainage patterns should refer to the final approved SCVURPPP Hydromodification Management Plan (HMP) where applicable, to assess the significance of altering existing drainage patterns and to develop any mitigation measures. The evaluation of hydromodification effects should also consider any potential for streambed or bank erosion downstream from the project. Areas that may be impacted within Sunnyvale include the storm water drainage area into Stevens Creek and the southern reach of Calabazas Creek between Homestead Road and Lawrence Expressway. Areas that drain into Sunnyvale East and West Channels and El Camino Channel have been proposed to be exempt from HMP requirements since they are artificial channels and the northern portions of Sunnyvale East and West Channels are under tidal influence.					
d. Create or contribute runoff which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	0	0	0	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112,
(i.) Will the proposed project result in increased impervious surfaces and associated increased runoff?	0	0	0	X	
(ii.) If so, does the project meet the NPDES permit's Group 1 or Group 2 criteria?	0	0	0	X	
<i>Storm Water Runoff Guidance:</i> If applicable, document Best Management Practices in fulfillment of Provision C.3 requirements as CEQA mitigation measures.					

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e. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	θ	θ	θ	X	2, 24, 25, 111, 112,
(i.) Would the proposed project result in an increase in pollutant discharges to receiving waters?	θ	θ	θ	X	
<i>Storm Water Runoff Guidance:</i> Consider water quality parameters such as temperature, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and other typical storm water pollutants (e.g., heavy metals, pathogens, petroleum derivatives, synthetic organics, sediment, nutrients, oxygen-demanding substances, and trash).					
(ii.) Does the project have the potential to result in a significant impact to surface water quality, marine, fresh, or wetland waters, or to groundwater quality?	θ	θ	θ	X	
(iii.) Will the project result in avoiding creation of mosquito larval sources that would subsequently require chemical treatment to protect human and animal health?	θ	θ	θ	X	
f. Place housing within a 100-year floodplain, as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	θ	θ	θ	X	2, 12, 19, 24, 111, 112
g. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	θ	θ	θ	X	2, 19, 24, 111, 112
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	θ	θ	θ	X	2, 19, 24, 25, 111, 112
i. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	θ	θ	θ	X	2, 19, 24, 25, 111, 112

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**DISCUSSION OF IMPACTS THAT ARE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT**

**I AESTHETICS (a & d)** If an additional height increase is approved, there is a potential for buildings to be built at heights that were not previously permitted by Sunnyvale Municipal Code. Height exceptions have been permitted through the Variance and Conditional Use Permit process in previous projects. Design and compatibility of proposed buildings are subject City-Wide Design Guidelines. Concerns related to the loss of scenic vistas and solar access are required to be addressed through the permit process.

**VII. NOISE (d)** If an additional height increase is approved, this may introduce additional short-term and temporary additional sources of noise to specific project areas during construction times. Construction for projects of this type typically take less than one year to complete and are exclusively residential developments, which would not cause any permanent increase in noise level for the neighborhood. Through the City's implementation of the Citywide Design Guidelines and Municipal Code noise regulations, this impact will be lessened to a less than significant level during construction. SMC Section 16.08.150 regulates the hours of construction in order to reduce the noise impact on surrounding properties. Construction is permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and construction is prohibited on Sundays and national holidays. These restrictions are sufficient to reduce temporary noise impacts.

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### City of Sunnyvale General Plan:

1. Map
2. Air Quality Sub-Element
3. Community Design Sub-Element
4. Community Participation Sub-Element
5. Cultural Arts Sub-Element
6. Executive Summary
7. Fire Services Sub-Element
8. Fiscal Sub-Element
9. Heritage Preservation Sub-Element
10. Housing & Community Revitalization Sub-Element
11. Land Use & Transportation Sub-Element
12. Law Enforcement Sub-Element
13. Legislative Management Sub-Element
14. Library Sub-Element
15. Noise Sub-Element
16. Open Space Sub-Element.
17. Recreation Sub-Element
18. Safety & Seismic Safety Sub-Element
19. Sanitary Sewer System Sub-Element
20. Socio-Economic Sub-Element
21. Solid Waste Management Sub-Element
22. Support Services Sub-Element
23. Surface Run-off Sub-Element
24. Water Resources Sub-Element

### City of Sunnyvale Municipal Code:

25. Chapter 10
26. Chapter 12.60 Storm Water Management
27. Chapter 19.18. Residential Zoning Districts
28. Chapter 19.20. Commercial Zoning Districts
29. Chapter 19.22. Industrial Zoning Districts
30. Chapter 19.24. Office Zoning Districts
31. Chapter 19.26. Combining Zoning Districts
32. Chapter 19.28. Downtown Specific Plan
33. Chapter 19.42. Operating Standards
34. Chapter 19.46. Off-Street Parking & Loading
35. Chapter 19.56. Solar Access
36. Chapter 19.66. Affordable Housing
37. Chapter 19.72. Conversion of Mobile Home Parks to Other Uses
38. Chapter 19.94. Tree Preservation
39. Chapter 19.96. Heritage Preservation

### Specific Plans:

40. Downtown Specific Plan (SMC 19.28)
41. El Camino Real Precise Plan
42. Lockheed Site Master Use Permit
43. Moffett Field Comprehensive Use Plan
44. 101 & Lawrence Site Specific Plan
45. Southern Pacific Corridor Plan

### Environmental Impact Reports:

46. Futures Study Environmental Impact Report
47. Lockheed Site Master Use Permit Environmental Impact Report
48. Tasman Corridor LRT Environmental Impact Study (supplemental)
49. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Replacement Center Environmental Impact Report (City of Santa Clara)
50. Downtown Development Program Environmental Impact Report
51. Caribbean-Moffett Park Environmental Impact Report
52. Southern Pacific Corridor Plan Environmental Impact Report

### Maps:

53. Zoning Map
54. City of Sunnyvale Aerial Maps
55. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FEMA)
56. Santa Clara County Assessors Parcel
57. Utility Maps (50 scale)

### Lists / Inventories:

58. Sunnyvale Cultural Resources Inventory List
59. Heritage Landmark Designation List
60. Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory
61. Hazardous Waste & Substances Sites List (State of California)
62. List of Known Contaminants in Sunnyvale

### Legislation / Acts / Bills / Codes:

63. Subdivision Map Act

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64. Uniform Fire Code, including amendments per SMC adoption</li> <li>65. National Fire Code (National Fire Protection Association)</li> <li>66. Title 19 California Administrative Code</li> <li>67. California Assembly Bill 2185 / 2187 (Waters Bill)</li> <li>68. California Assembly Bill 3777 (La Follette Bill)</li> <li>69. Superfund Amendments &amp; Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III</li> </ul> <p><b>Transportation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>70. California Department of Transportation Highway Design Manual</li> <li>71. California Department of Transportation Traffic Manual</li> <li>72. California Department of Transportation Standard Plan</li> <li>73. California Department of Transportation Standard Specification</li> <li>74. Institute of Transportation Engineers - Trip Generation</li> <li>75. Institute of Transportation Engineers Transportation and Traffic Engineering Handbook</li> <li>76. U.S. Dept. of Transportation Federal Highway Admin. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Street and Highways</li> <li>77. California Vehicle Code</li> <li>78. Traffic Engineering Theory &amp; Practice by L. J. Pegnataro</li> <li>79. Santa Clara County Congestion Management Program and Technical Guidelines</li> <li>80. Santa Clara County Transportation Agency Short Range Transit Plan</li> <li>81. Santa Clara County Transportation Plan</li> <li>82. Traffic Volume Studies, City of Sunnyvale Public works Department of Traffic Engineering Division</li> <li>83. Santa Clara County Sub-Regional Deficiency Plan</li> <li>84. Bicycle Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Works:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>85. Standard Specifications and Details of the Department of Public Works</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>86. Storm Drain Master Plan</li> <li>87. Sanitary Sewer Master Plan</li> <li>88. Water Master Plan</li> <li>89. Solid Waste Management Plan of Santa Clara County</li> <li>90. Geotechnical Investigation Reports</li> <li>91. Engineering Division Project Files</li> <li>92. Subdivision and Parcel Map Files</li> </ul> <p><b>Miscellaneous:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>93. Field Inspection</li> <li>94. Environmental Information Form</li> <li>95. Annual Summary of Containment Excesses (BAAQMD)</li> <li>96. Current Air Quality Data</li> <li>97. Chemical Emergency Preparedness Program (EPA) Interim Document in 1985?)</li> <li>98. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Population Projections</li> <li>99. Bay Area Clean Air Plan</li> <li>100. City-wide Design Guidelines</li> <li>101. Industrial Design Guidelines</li> </ul> <p><b>Building Safety:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>102. Uniform Building Code, Volume 1, (Including the California Building Code, Volume 1)</li> <li>103. Uniform Building Code, Volume 2, (Including the California Building Code, Volume 2)</li> <li>104. Uniform Plumbing Code, (Including the California Plumbing Code)</li> <li>105. Uniform Mechanical Code, (Including the California Mechanical Code)</li> <li>106. National Electrical Code (Including California Electrical Code)</li> <li>107. Title 16 of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional References:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>108. USFWS / CA Dept. F&amp;G Special Status Lists</li> <li>109. Project Traffic Impact Analysis</li> <li>110. Project Description</li> <li>111. Project Development Plans</li> <li>112. Santa Clara County Airport Land Use Plan</li> <li>113. Federal Aviation Administration</li> <li>114. Site Map</li> </ul> |
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